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SUBJECT: TEFERI BANTE'S ADDRESS TO AIR FORCE ACADEMY GRADUATING  
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ACCORDING TO THE ETHIOPIAN HERALD OF SEPTEMBER 28, BRIG. GEN.  
TEFERI BANTE, PMAC CHAIRMAN, ADDRESSED THE FIFTH GRADUATING CLASS  
OF THE ETHIOPIAN AIR FORCE ACADEMY IN DEBRE ZEITHN SEPTEMBER 27.  
HE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. REITERATING THE OBJECTIVES OF ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM ALONG FAMILIAR  
LINES, BANLE EMPHISIZED THE NECESSITY OF A WELL-ORGANIZED DETERRENT  
FORCE TO MAINTAIN ETHIOPIA'S TERRIHORIAL INTEGRITY AGAINST OUT-  
SIDE THREATS AS THE NEW SOCIALIST PROGRAM IS BEING INSTITUTED.
2. HE AFFIRMED THE INTENTION OF THE MILITARY NO TO ... ?GO BACK TO  
THEIR BARRACKS BEFORE ORGANIZING THE MASSES ON THE BASIS OF ETHIOPIAN  
SOCIALISM" AND ADMITTED THAT THIS COULD BE DONE ONLY BY ALLOCATING A

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"...GOOD PORTION OF THE NATION'S MEAGREH NCO."#FOR DEFENSE

PURPOSES..." "WE WOULD LIKE TO CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPMENT  
PRBJETS," HE SAID, "...HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY OF  
BUILDING OUR ARMED FORCES BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT ALL OUR EFFORTS WILL  
BE IN VAIN WITHOUT PEACE, FREEDOM AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY."

3. HE COMMENDED THE THREE ARMED SERVICES FOR THEIR SATISFACTORY  
ACHIEVEMENT IN ADVANCING THE REVOLUTION BUT POINTED OUT THAT  
"MUCH REMAINED TO BE DESIRED" IN TERMS OF GREATER COOPERATION  
AND CONCERTED EFFORT AMONG THE THREE.

4. HE ENDED THIS SPEACH EXHORTING THE AIR FORCE CLASS TO SHOW  
DILIGENCE, ALERTNESS AND LOYALTY TO THE CAUSE OF THE REVOLUTION  
AND THANKED THEM ON BEHALF OF THE PMAC FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

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THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME TO THE EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE SINCE THE  
PMAC CAME TO POWER THAT RANKING ETHIOPIAN OFFICIAL HAS PUBLCCLY  
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS IN FACT CHOSEN TO DEVOTE  
A GOOD PORTION OF ITS RESOURCES TO NATIONAL DEFENSE. IT IS CLEAR  
THAT ONLY WHEN "PEACE, FREEDOM AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY" ARE  
ASSURED BY THE MILITARY AND WHEN "THE REACTIONARY, SELF-SERVICING  
ELEMENTS" WITHIN THE SOCIETY ARE SILENCED, THAT THE PROGRAM FOR  
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAN BE QTINRLLY PURSUED.

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